



**TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE  
TOWN BULLETIN  
APRIL 2008**

*Centennial Year for the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, 1908-2008*

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<b>BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stefan
<b>WABA</b>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leber
<b>TOWN COUNCIL</b>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rose
<b>PLANNING COMMISSION</b>	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rose

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**SALES TAX NUMBER:** #1703

**TREE ORDINANCE – RECENT UPDATE:** The Commissioners have made their recommendation to the Town Council and will have a joint working session in the Council's April meeting to discuss further.

**TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:** Per the email notification just sent, and notices posted, please take notice that property theft crimes are on the increase here. In the past, we have had one or two property thefts per month, occurring throughout the village at all times of the day and week, but involved unsecured property, not breaking and entering. However, in the 1<sup>st</sup> two months of this year, two homes were broken into while the owners were on vacation. Last month, a car was broken into to steal a cell phone.

We believe petty property thieves regularly canvas our neighborhood for easy opportunities. We believe these thieves may often be young local drug addicts. Here are some practical steps you can take to minimize your risk of becoming their next target:

- 1) Mail Box- invest in one that locks.
- 2) If you go out of town, cancel your paper or have a trusted person pick up your mail & paper. Have them turn lights on & off, or programmed randomly. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye on the place while you are gone- maybe park their car in your driveway.
- 3) Install a burglar alarm; even better- use a monitored service.
- 4) Always lock your car and never leave anything inside of value visible from the outside. It's even better if your car is in a locked garage.
- 5) Immediately report suspicious activity to the police, or our marshals: W. Scott and S.Harpster.
- 6) Get license plates of unknown cars cruising.
- 7) Introduce yourself to unknown pedestrians; they realize we are noticing them.
- 8) Close your garage doors when not in use.
- 9) Install exterior lighting tripped by motion detectors.
- 10) If you feel threatened, even by a solicitor, call 911; the operator is trained to calibrate the urgency. If you use a landline to call 911 – this pinpoints your exact position.

We also have had persistent reports of aggressive door-to-door solicitors. We do not have reason to believe these people are connected to thefts but you should know we have a “no solicitation” policy here. Therefore, such people must only be representing a non-profit organization or school (sales of farm produce & newspapers are permitted). They may not solicit before 10 AM or after 7 PM and must have a photo I. D. to show you upon your request.

We still live in a small community but are surrounded by increasingly large metropolitan areas.  
Moral: **Lock it or lose it.**

## **WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**REMINDER - BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTING:** Residents with connections to the Town’s water distribution system other than normal household plumbing (e.g. **lawn sprinklers, hot tubs, fountains, and fire sprinklers**) must have the backflow-prevention device (BFD) in their water service line tested annually. This important device prevents contamination of the Town’s water supply and distribution system and ensures that the water delivered to your home is safe to drink. If you have installed a device that connects to the water system, please contact Town Hall by email at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) or by phone at 425.454.8580 and let us know. Each spring, the Town hires a certified tester to test resident’s BFDs at a cost of about \$40 per device; residents reimburse the Town for the cost of the test. Residents are not required to participate in the Town testing program, but if you choose not to participate, you must arrange for your own testing and submit test results to the Town by August 1, 2008.

**PLANNING TO FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN?** Bob Durr, Supervisor of the Beaux Arts Water Department, reminds residents to be as organic as possible to minimize any effects on our water system, which draws water from an artesian well near the north end of the beach. There are several lawn-care-service providers using only 100% organic products – both fertilizers and pesticides.

**ALTERNATE METER READER NEEDED:** Every two months, two of our younger Villagers (accompanied by a parent) complete a circuit of the Town to read each water meter, record the readings, and provide those readings to the Town Clerk. The readings are used to determine each household’s water bill for usage during the prior two months. It is a very important job – currently performed by Cole Wydrowski and Nate Clemett. The water department would like to hire and train an alternate meter reader, who would be available on call to fill in if one of the regular meter readers is unable to perform their duties. If you have a son or daughter at least 10 years old who is interested in this position, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov) or by calling 425.454.8580 to obtain application materials.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS:** At the March Council meeting:

- The Council heard a presentation by Arthur Sullivan, Director of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), describing the challenge of developing affordable housing on the Eastside and describing ways that ARCH can help local governments meet that challenge through imaginative methods. As Mr. Sullivan put it, “ARCH doesn’t want to invent a new role for government, just assist government in reaching the goals of the Growth Management Act.”
- The Council also held another conversation with King County Councilwoman Jane Hague focusing on a variety of regional topics that may affect Beaux Arts. They included tolling on SR-520 and I-90, improving bus service through Beaux Arts, and finding sources of financial

assistance that Beaux Arts may use to help fund needed improvements in our infrastructure (including streets, water system, and storm water system).

- Clerk-Treasurer Spens reported that the WABA Centennial Committee has asked the Town for a temporary street closure during the parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. After some discussion, Councilmember Leider offered to work with Brooke VanWyk to coordinate the project.
- Councilmember Eulau reported that he has started reviewing the legal requirements and various tasks needed for Beaux Arts Emergency Preparedness plan. He emphasized that Beaux Arts' plans will be developed to work specifically for us.
- Councilmember Sharp reported that he has started to review our current storm water system to determine whether it meets statutory requirements and our local needs. He is working on a scope of work that a consultant can use to assist in this work.
- Councilmember Clemett gave a brief report on the Planning Commission's hearing on the proposed Tree Ordinance. The Council will hold a joint work session with the Planning Commission and members of the Tree Committee at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance and determine what action to take. The Council will also be prepared to hold a public hearing to establish a new tree-cutting moratorium, in case the action needed will require two or more months to complete.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:** The next regular Town Council meeting will be at 7:00pm on Tuesday April 15, 2008 at John Rose's house. Please note this is a continuation from the regular meeting date of April 8<sup>th</sup> to accommodate Spring Break vacation schedules.

**TOWN CLEANUP:** Wow, check out those incredible steps redone from 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE to SE 28<sup>th</sup> Place (also known as the "south beach hill road")! Cold weather brought community warmth as record numbers of workers of ALL ages turned out for the town cleanup March 29<sup>th</sup> and much was accomplished! Thanks to all for the hard work weeding, trimming and debris hauling on the right-of-way along roads and paths. Thank you, Amy Nassisi and Amy Reller, for keeping us workers going with tasty treats. Special thanks to Aaron Sharp and his team Rick Leider, Carol Clemett, Hank Heckendorn, Bernard Van de Kamp, Forrest Kulp, Walter Scott, Julia Morse and Andrea Nassisi for their long hours on the steps project. What a vast improvement! All that was accomplished is concrete evidence of true community spirit. We are most fortunate!

**EAGLES & TREES:** There's a whole lot of squawking going around in the upper village! Our resident eagles, George and Martha, have rebuilt their upper village nest. One of last year's eaglets was spotted there as well. We believe they have eggs in their nest so baby eaglets should be hatching in the coming weeks! See our resident experts Bron Richards or Steve Matsudaira for more information. The Town also reminds you to contact Jay Shepherd at Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife for a bald eagle management plan prior to any construction or tree removal plans you may have within 800 feet of a Bald Eagle's nesting tree or within 250 feet of the lake. Please contact Jay at (425) 379-2301 or [eagle4@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:eagle4@dfw.wa.gov). This process continues to be required even without a Tree Ordinance in effect.

**WABA BUSINESS:** The next regular meeting for the WABA Board of Trustees will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at Leslie Leber's house.

**WELCOME:** WABA welcomes a new family to the Donworth house. Please say hello to David Johnson, son Alex (6) and daughter Cameron (2) when you have a chance!

**WABA ASSESSMENT:** A reminder to all owners- WABA dues were due in March. Please turn payments into Rich Bray immediately if you have not yet done so. Thank you!

**WABA CLERK NOTE:** Resident Directory and Village Green Book updates are now underway for April distribution. If your contact information has changed since the Winter Dinner, please contact our new WABA Clerk, Gail D'Alessio, at [mda38@comcast.net](mailto:mda38@comcast.net) or 455-0457; she looks forward to serving you again! See Gail for car ID stickers (do you have a new vehicle?), guest parking passes, and beach reservations. Permanent guest parking passes were distributed to each residence last year; replacements are \$5. Gail also issues extra guest parking passes for individual events.

**LIFEGUARD NEEDED:** WABA is now accepting applications for the Beach Lifeguard position this summer. Please submit résumés and suggestions to Leslie Leber.

**BOAT SLIPS AVAILABLE:** The Dock Master reports that there are now two available slips: a 36-foot slip on the D Dock and a 44-foot slip on the C Dock. Interested boaters please contact the Dock Master, David Dempster, at 453-7678.

**BEACH CLEANUP:** Please save Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> for the annual beach cleanup starting at 9:00am. As you know, our beach is one of the jewels of Beaux Arts life and this cleanup day helps keep it shining. For those who would like to warm up with refreshments first, join Beach Master Forrest Kulp at 8:40am. The beach needs some weeding and planting in preparation of the centennial events this summer. The Beach Master especially looks forward to seeing our newer members as it is a great opportunity to meet, and catch up with your neighbors- especially during the hot dog lunch served at noon. See you there!

**BEACHMASTER REQUEST:** According to a WABA survey, improving the beach bathrooms is a priority! We are improving the natural lighting by lowering and thinning the laurel surrounding the bathrooms. WABA is looking for more volunteers to paint wall panels and floors. If you can help, at either the beach cleanup, or some other time, call Forrest Kulp.

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#### **CENTENNIAL UPDATES & REMINDERS:**

- EASTSIDE HERITAGE CENTER now has a Beaux Arts display up at the Winters House on Bellevue Way in celebration of our centennial! Check out the display in their library now until July. The Winters House is free and open to the public, Wednesday-Saturday, 10am-2pm.
- The Western Academy will be hosting an ARCHITECTURAL WALKING TOUR with Historic Seattle on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Members, remember (volunteers will not need tickets) to ***order tickets by April 30<sup>th</sup>!*** The order form is in Historic Seattle's mailer, or through their website at: <https://www.historicseattle.org/events/eventdetail.aspx?id=310>.
- Calling all quilters! If you have fabric scraps, ideas, can quilt or sew, please see Elizabeth Leider or Karen Deitrick about assisting in the Centennial QUILT project.
- PARADE-notices are on the mailbox stands with the latest updates, or contact Brooke Van Wyk & Tony D'Alessio. Any Veterans that could dress in uniform see David Dempster or Del Lewis.
- PICNIC- Residents, see attached flyer for more details, or see Linda Mui and Susan Kennedy.
- ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR- Residents, see attached flyer for more details, or see Julia Morse.

•**CONTACT INFO NEEDED FOR PAST VILLAGERS:** We welcome and appreciate any contact information on previous villagers. We are particularly searching for contact info on the list below for sending out invitations in April. Please send to Sylvia Hobbs at [sylviahobbs7@comcast.net](mailto:sylviahobbs7@comcast.net). Thank you!

Steve Cohen/Pauline Kenney 1993	Charles De Pue/Mary Fesler 1994	Wm. Dixon/Philip Robinson 1984
David and Tandy Ford 1985	Michael and Beanie Foster 1962	WE and Gerdta Foust 1975
Patrick and Sarah Foy 1995	Travis and Donna Fullerton 1996	Mark Gibson 1989
Neal and Rebecca Goldstein 1989	Donald Grubb/Mary Shwetz 2003	David Grant 1977
Joan Harder 1973	Marianne Hawks 1975	Norm and Peggy Heffron 1970
Harvey and Barbara Hoff 1968	Jon and Chris Holbrook 1983	Rick Jamieson
Jerry and Sally Jerome 1993	Brian and JoAnne Johnson 1985	Any Kamphenborg children 1949
Kevin Kay 2002	Kenneth and Donna Kinner 1985	Any Lawrence children 1965
Gaye Lombardi 1998	Phyllis MacFarland & children 1965	Wayne and Kiki Martin 1986
Rex and Rita McDowell 1971	Austin and Sara McGhie 1993	Paula Meyn 1976
Nick Milham/Kimberly Brangwine 1986	Joe and Kay Moran 1985	Robert & Maureen Morford 1971
Anton and Susan Mueller 1961	Charlotte Mullan 1983 & 1987	Mark and Liz Murdoch 2000
Carolyn Myers 1985	DanOwens/Carolyn Leeds 1989	Gene and Judy Philips 1975
Lana Rogers/Fanchon Blake 1986	Marnie Ross 1997	Tina Bodkins 1979
Roger and Judy Stouder 1970	Rjerome Taylor/Margaret Pillow 1996	Toby and Lucy White 1970
Jim and Loree Widman 1986	Hugh and Martha Williams 1970	Laura Williams 1970
D. Thomson/D. Wylie 1992		

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**BUILDING NEWS-** the Building Department recently issued the following permits:

2815 – 105<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE                      Building permit issued to repair deck

**LOST AND FOUND-** Found after the Winter Dinner: One large, black velvet button, and one clear, square microwave tray. Please contact Angela Kulp if either one of these belongs to you.

#### **NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?**

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.  
Email: [townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov)  
Phone: (425) 454-8580                      Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.  
Email: [bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov](mailto:bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov)  
Phone: (425) 269-6985                      Mail: 10550 SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- To report Block watch concerns, contact:  
Town Marshal Walter Scott:                      (425) 454-2573  
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster:                      (425) 746-0757